

City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 Council Session

Item E-4

Public Hearing on Development of 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan for CDBG Activities

Council action will take place under Consent Agenda item G-13.

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Amber Alvidrez, Community Development

Meeting: April 24, 2018

Subject: Public Hearing on the Development of 2018-2019

Annual Action Plan for CDBG Activities

Presenter(s): Amber Alvidrez, Community Development

Administrator

Background

Grand Island became an Entitlement Community in September 2015. A large part of the planning process for this Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) model is the creation of the 3, 4 or 5-year Consolidated Plan, and the Annual Action Plan. The Consolidated Plan represents the City's goals for CDBG funding in broad scope, it identifies the areas and focus of CDBG priorities.

The City has chosen to complete a 3-year Consolidated Plan which is currently in place and covers the time period of 2016-2018. The Five Priorities outlined in the Consolidated Plan are as follows in order of identified importance:

- Increase Quality & Affordable Housing Options
- Cultivate Small and Emerging Businesses
- Support Public Services for Neighborhoods and Vulnerable Populations
- Improve Public Facilities
- Create Re-Investment Opportunities in Downtown

The Annual Action Plan breaks down the priorities and lists specific dollar amounts and which projects will be funded in the assigned year. A separate Annual Action Plan is prepared for each Fiscal Year. The public hearing today is to discuss the planned programs for the 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan.

Discussion

Projects being considered for the 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan are outlined in the Power Point presentation.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

- 1. Accept the Development of 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan for CDBG Activities.
- 2. Do not accept the Development of 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan for CDBG Activities.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council accept the Development of 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan for CDBG Activities.

Sample Motion

Move to accept the Development of 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan for CDBG Activities.



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Objective

To inform the public of the priorities identified by the Community Needs Assessment and the planned priorities for CDBG funding throughout the 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan.

HUD requires the Community Development Division to hold one public hearing during the planning process, and another once the plan is complete and ready for submission.

The Funding Priorities

To gain perspective on the City's goals for funding priorities and to meet the consultation requirements of the 2016-2018 Consolidated Plan, the City identified the following five priorities listed in order of priority:

- Increase Quality & Affordable Housing Options
- Cultivate Small and Emerging Businesses
- Support Public Services for Neighborhoods and Vulnerable Populations
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Prospective Projects

At this time the City is planning on implementing three projects with 2018-2019 CDBG funding. These projects include:

- Owner Occupied Rehab through Housing Development Corporation
- Sewer and Water Single Unit Residential Rehab
- Continuation of the Public Service Grant (Previously called the Continuum of Care Grant)

Community Development has also created a Stakeholders group to serve as a consultation body during the process of deciding on CDBG funding amounts.

The next public hearing which will review the exact dollar amounts for each project will be held in July.